

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1088

By Mrs. Canavan of Brockton, petition of Christine E. Canavan and others for legislation to regulate contributions by the city and the towns for operation of the Southeastern Regional School District. Education.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

### PETITION OF:

Christine E. Canavan                      Louis L. Kafka  
Brian A. Joyce

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO REALLOCATE THE SUM OF THEIR LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE DISTRICT BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF BOARDS OF SELECTMEN AND A MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or  
2 special law to the contrary, the towns of East Bridgewater, Easton,  
3 Foxboro, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton, and West Bridge-  
4 water and the city of Brockton, all joined together as charter  
5 member communities of the Southeastern Regional School Dis-  
6 trict, may elect to reallocate the sum of their required local contri-  
7 butions to the district in accordance with the regional agreement;  
8 provided however, that the total sum of their regional contribu-  
9 tions shall not be decreased. Election shall be by approval of a  
10 majority of the members. Approval of each member shall be given  
11 by a majority vote of the board of selectmen at a regularly sched-  
12 uled meeting in the case of towns and by a majority vote of the  
13 council in the case of the city of Brockton. For the first year after  
14 enactment of this legislation, such approval must be voted no later  
15 than three weeks after notification of the enactment. Thereafter,  
16 members may vote for this change in the method of such alloca-

17 tion by December 31 of the year preceding the fiscal year for  
18 which a change in the assessment allocation is desired. The com-  
19 missioner of education shall be notified of the enactment of this  
20 legislation.

1 SECTION 2. Once a vote to revert to the original agreement  
2 has been made as herein provided for, the required local contribu-  
3 tions shall be thereafter calculated in accordance with the regional  
4 agreement for each successive year unless two thirds of the dis-  
5 trict members vote for a change in the method of such allocation  
6 by December 31 of the year preceding the fiscal year for which a  
7 change in the assessment allocation is desired. Approval of each  
8 member in this instance shall be given by a majority vote of the  
9 board of selectmen at a regularly scheduled meeting in the case of  
10 the towns and by a majority vote of the council in the case of the  
11 city of Brockton.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.